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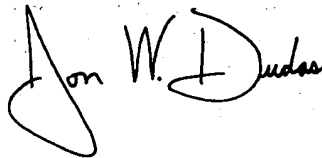
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page, item (56), under "Foreign Patent Documents", in column 2, line 1, after "11/2000" insert -- A61B 5/00 --.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a distinct "D" at the end.

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